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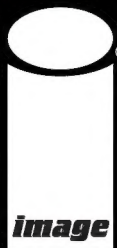
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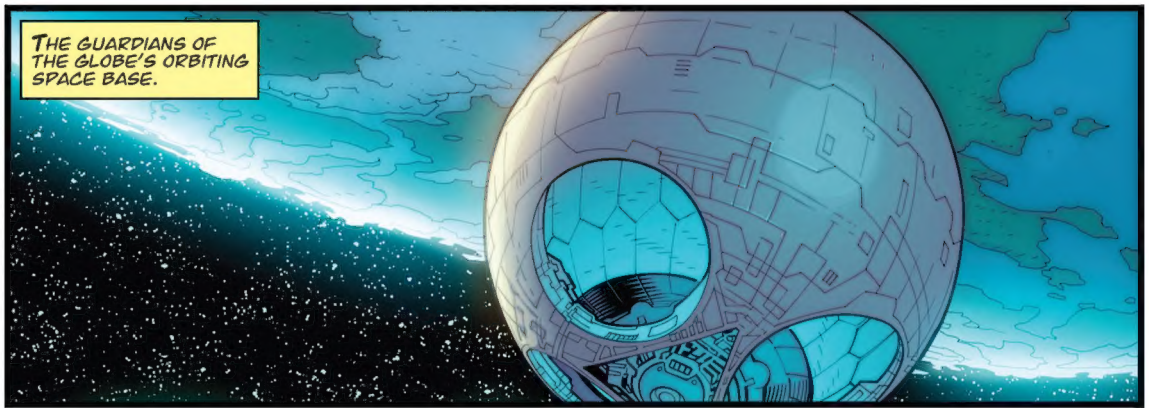
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THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE'S ORBITING SPACE BASE.



**ACTIONEERS--**THAT SHIP WILL BE OVER CHICAGO IN SEVEN MINUTES. SHUT IT DOWN! POWERPLEX, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO OVERLOAD ITS POWER SYSTEMS. GO!

**BEST TIGER,** CONSTRUCT'S ARMOR HAS WEAK SPOTS AT HER ELBOWS, KNEES AND SHOULDERS. PUT BULLETS THERE!

**SAMSON,** THROW THE BOMB TO ME--I CAN GET FAR ENOUGH AWAY THAT THE EXPLOSION WON'T DAMAGE THE POWER STATION.

I'LL BE READY TO LEAVE IN TWENTY MINUTES, AMANDA!

SORRY, DIDN'T MEAN TO YELL.

YETI--DUCK!



ALL I CAN SAY, MARK, IS THAT I'M DOING MY BEST. I'M USING THE FLAXAN PORTAL AS A STARTING POINT, BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION AND A PARALLEL REALITY.

GREAT JOB, POWERPLEX! KINETIC, GUIDE THE SHIP SAFELY TO THE GROUND. I'LL HAVE A GPA CLEANUP CREW ON SITE IN TEN.



DONALD. I NEED A CLEANUP CREW TO THE COORDINATES I'M SENDING OVER. YEAH. SHIP'S DOWN. CHICAGO'S SAFE.

BRIT! COME IN. WE'VE GOT A ROBBERY ON WALL STREET-- AND IT'S A BUNCH OF GORILLAS! ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF GUARDIANS AND MOVE OUT!

INVINCIBLE? YOU STILL THERE?









SORRY, I WAS GETTING SHOT AT WITH MACHINE GUNS.

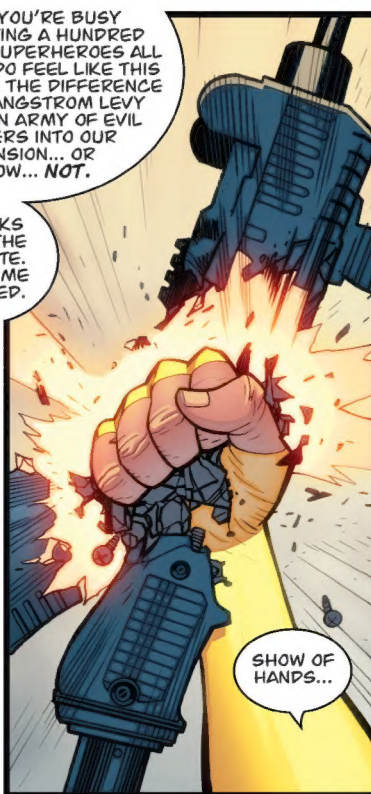
ONE SECOND.

SKREEE-  
KWAASH!

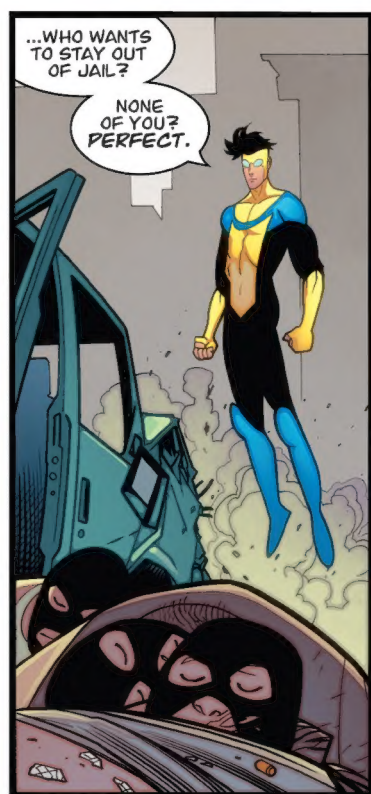


I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY COORDINATING A HUNDRED DIFFERENT SUPERHEROES ALL DAY, BUT I DO FEEL LIKE THIS COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANGSTROM LEVY LEADING AN ARMY OF EVIL WHOEVERS INTO OUR DIMENSION... OR Y'KNOW... NOT.

THANKS FOR THE UPDATE. KEEP ME POSTED.



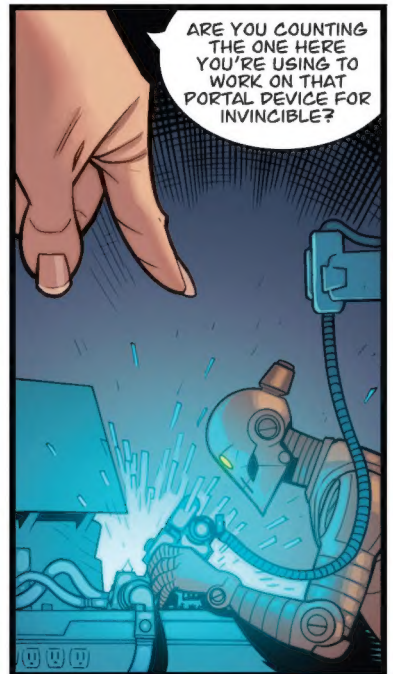
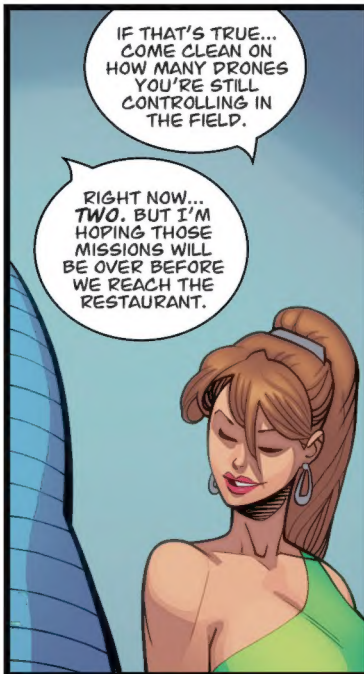
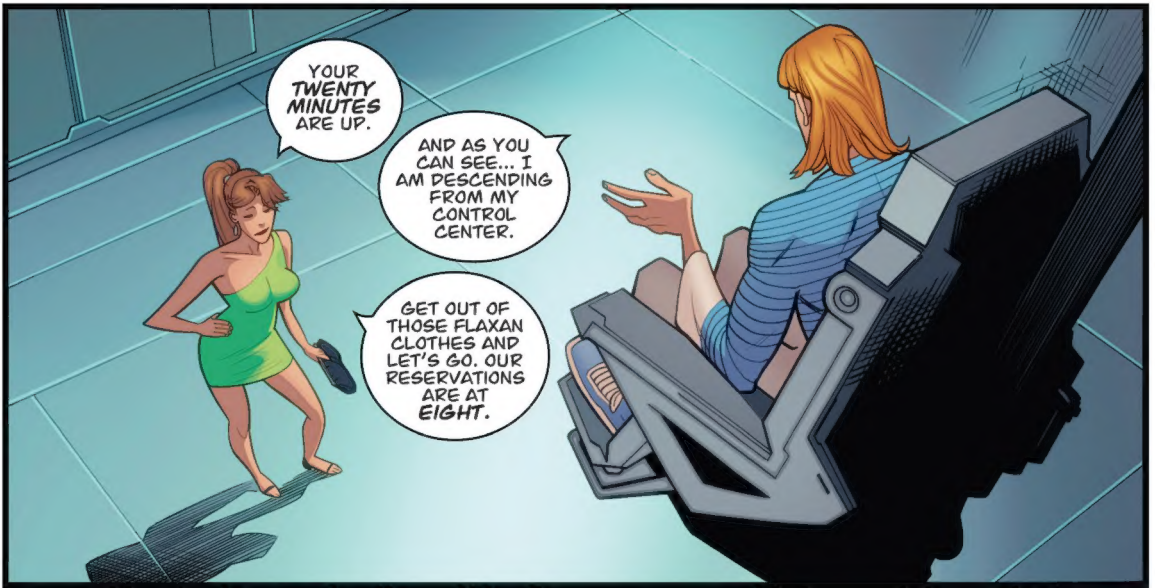
SHOW OF HANDS...



...WHO WANTS TO STAY OUT OF JAIL?

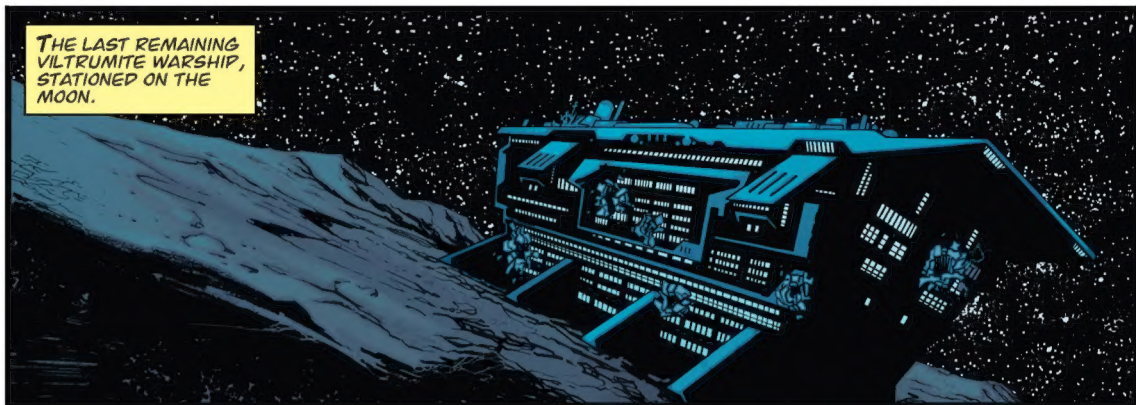
NONE OF YOU? PERFECT.







THE LAST REMAINING  
VILTRUMITE WARSHIP,  
STATIONED ON THE  
MOON.



WE GATHER HERE  
TO BEAR WITNESS TO  
THE FATE OF FORMER  
GRAND REGENT...  
**THRAGG.**

HE WHO PUT HIS  
GLORY BEFORE  
VILTRUMITE GLORY.  
HE WHO COULD HAVE  
BROUGHT ABOUT THE END  
OF OUR PEOPLE WHEN IT  
WAS HIS SWORN DUTY  
TO ENSURE OUR  
SURVIVAL.



IT IS TIME  
YOU LEARN  
YOUR  
FATE.



HAVE YOU FINALLY  
SUMMONED ENOUGH  
COURAGE TO KILL  
ME, EMPEROR  
NOLAN?



THAT WOULD  
REQUIRE A LACK  
OF COURAGE,  
THRAGG.

THE VILTRUM  
EMPIRE HAS  
**CHANGED.** I HAVE  
TAKEN IT FROM YOU.  
IT WAS CHANGING  
AROUND YOU...  
AS YOU WERE  
BEGINNING TO  
LOSE IT.

I FEAR  
NOW THAT  
YOU WOULD NOT  
**RECOGNIZE**  
IT.







WE NOW STAND UNITED,  
DEDICATED TO **PEACE**  
AND **COEXISTENCE**  
WITH ALL MANNER  
OF LIFE IN THIS  
UNIVERSE.

GONE ARE  
THE DAYS OF WAR,  
ENSLAVEMENT  
AND CONQUEST.

TO PUNISH  
YOU AS YOU SEE  
NECESSARY  
WOULD JUST BE  
A RETURN TO  
THOSE DAYS.



WHAT?

KLIK.  
KLIK.



I WISH FOR YOU TO SEE OUR  
PEOPLE **THRIVE** UNDER MY RULE.  
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR  
WAY WAS WRONG... I WANT YOU TO  
WITNESS OUR RESURGENCE... A  
RETURN TO WHAT WE ONCE WERE...  
BEFORE THE FALL OF ARGALL,  
BEFORE THE SCOURGE VIRUS,  
BEFORE THE VILTRUMITE WAR.

FOR YOU  
I CHOOSE  
EXILE.



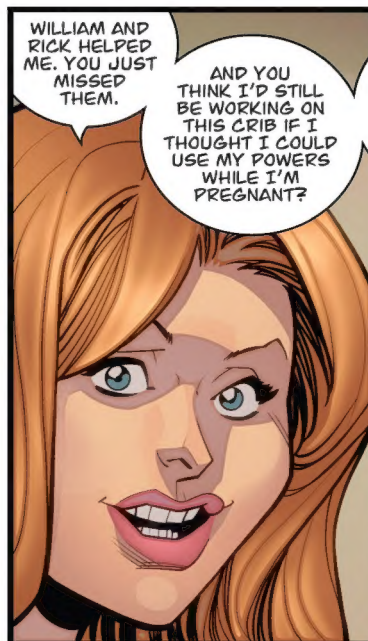
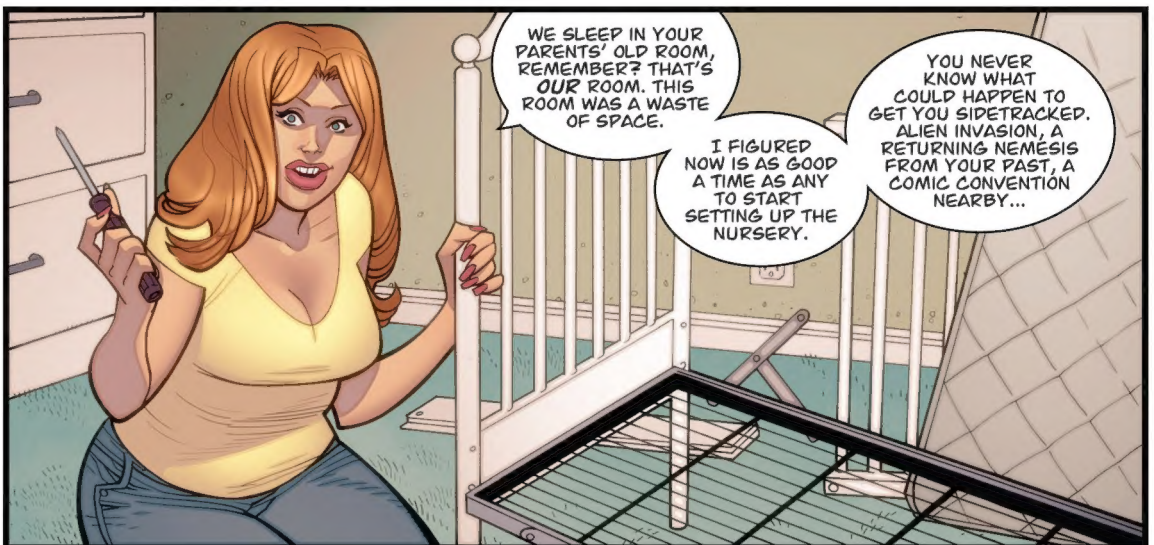
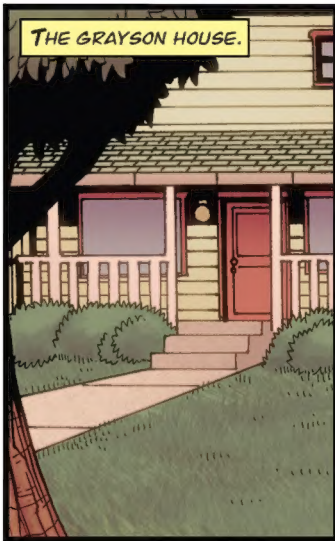
YOU  
WILL FIND A LIFE  
FOR YOURSELF IN  
THE COLDNESS OF  
SPACE, FAR FROM  
HERE AND FAR  
FROM COALITION  
SPACE.

FIND A  
FORGOTTEN  
CORNER OF THE  
COSMOS AND LIVE,  
THRAGG. BE APART  
FROM US AND  
EVERYTHING YOU'VE  
EVER KNOWN...  
BUT LIVE.

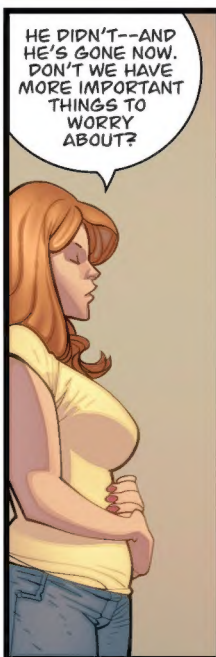
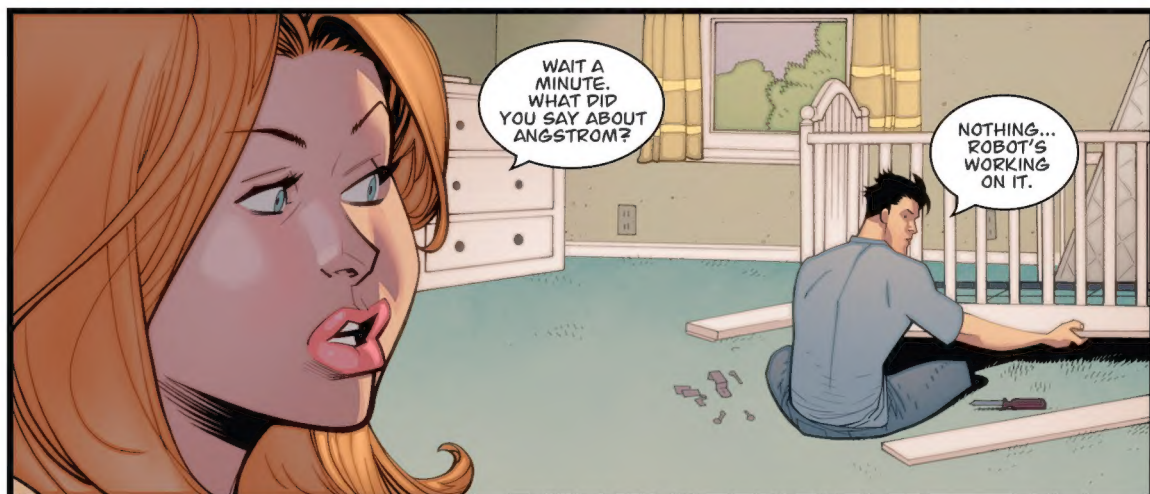
NOW  
GO.











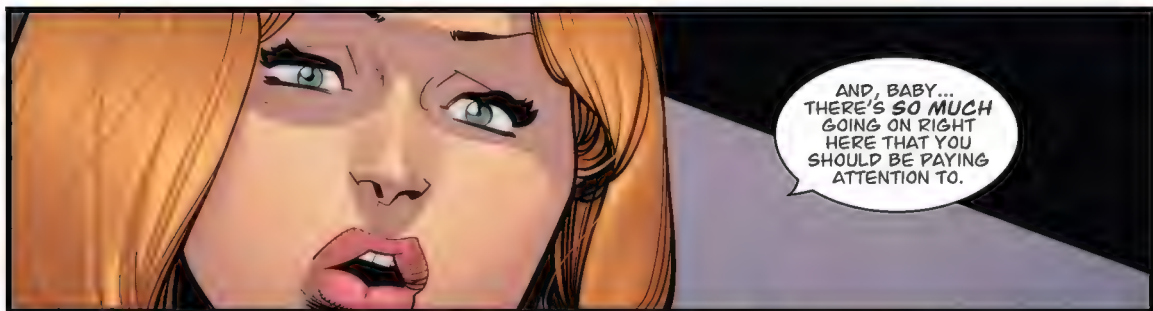




THAT EVIL VERSION OF YOU HAS PROBABLY ALREADY KILLED ANGSTROM. IT'S BEEN DAYS AND I DON'T THINK THAT GUY WAS GOING TO PLAY PING-PONG WITH HIM.

IF HE DOES COME BACK-- WE'LL DEAL WITH IT.

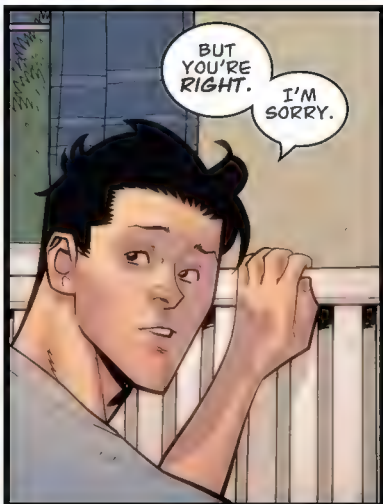
FOCUSING ON IT LIKE THIS... OBSESSING OVER HIM, MAKING HIM PAY FOR WHAT HE'S DONE... IT'S JUST A DISTRACTION.



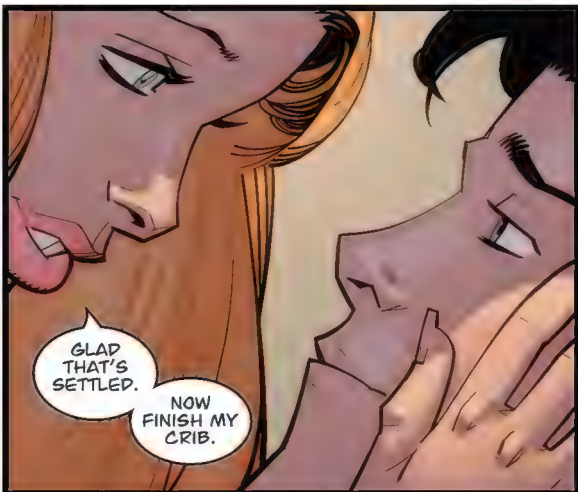
AND, BABY... THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON RIGHT HERE THAT YOU SHOULD BE PAYING ATTENTION TO.



I KNOW, IT'S JUST... HE MAKES ME FEEL SO HELPLESS. HE'S THE ONLY ONE. HE HURT MY MOTHER... COULD HAVE HURT YOU...

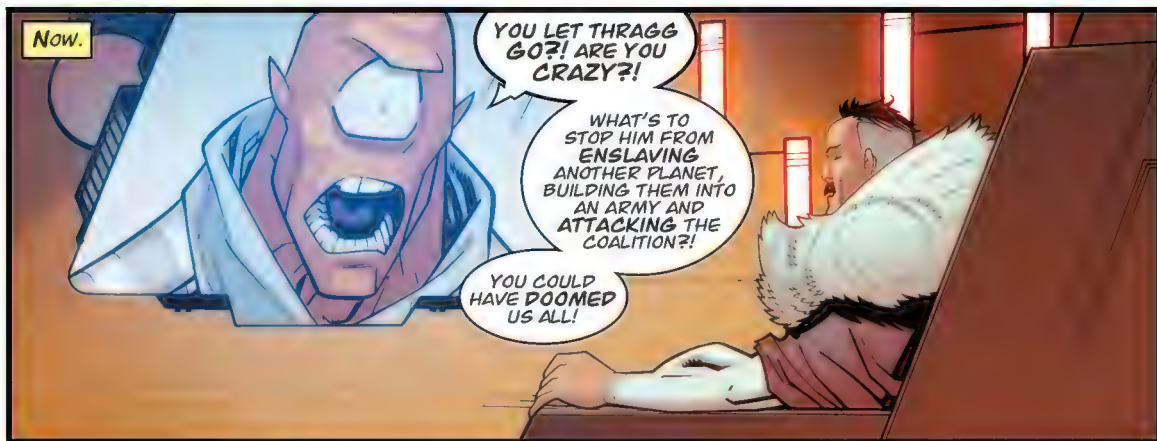
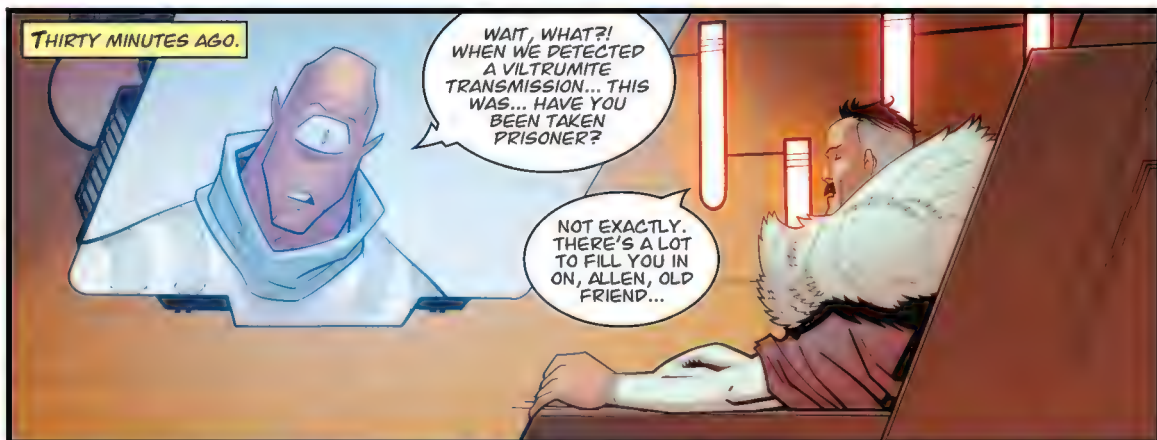


BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY.



GLAD THAT'S SETTLED. NOW FINISH MY CRIB.





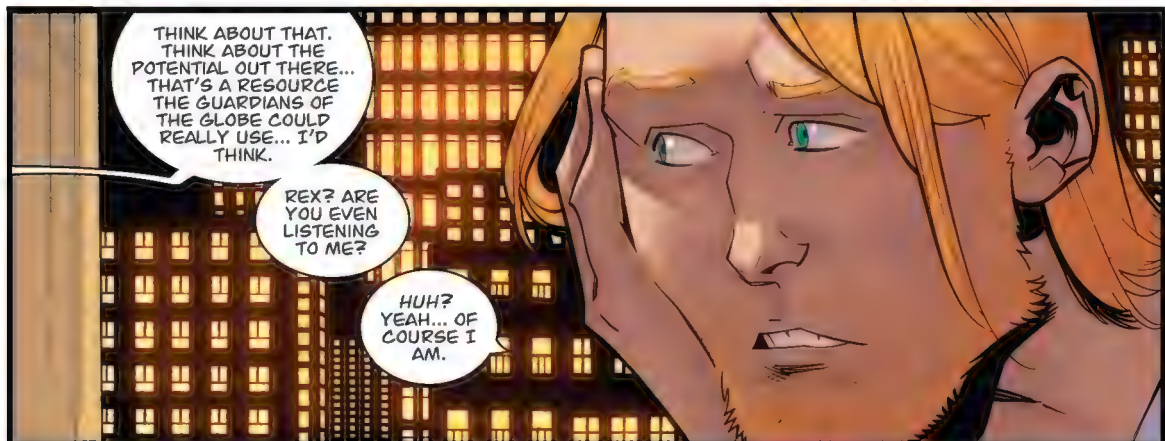




DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE ODD? WE'RE FIFTY-PERCENT OF THE POPULATION... AND YET THERE ARE SO FEW FEMALE SUPERHEROES.

HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN?

WHATEVER GIVES PEOPLE POWERS... THE HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT WAYS IT HAPPENS... IS IT REALLY AFFECTING MORE MEN THAN WOMEN? OR ARE THERE WOMEN OUT THERE... POWERFUL WOMEN, WE JUST HAVEN'T FOUND YET?



THINK ABOUT THAT. THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OUT THERE... THAT'S A RESOURCE THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE COULD REALLY USE... I'D THINK.

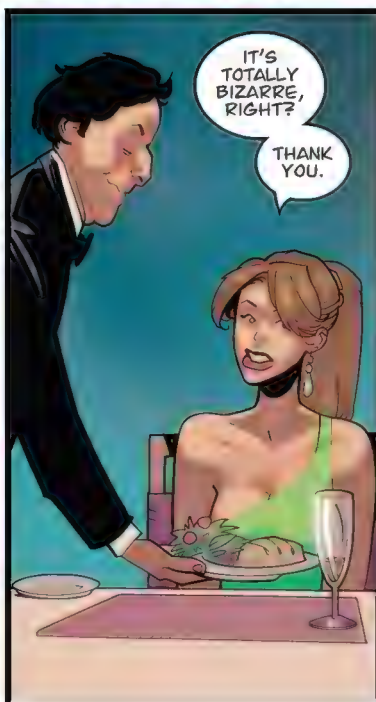
REX? ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?

HUH? YEAH... OF COURSE I AM.



SORRY, I'VE JUST... THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON... ALWAYS. IT'S SO MUCH WORK TO KEEP THIS WORLD SAFE.

I'M LISTENING... **FASCINATED**, ACTUALLY. I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE ARE FEWER WOMEN IN OUR PROFESSION... BUT I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT MUCH BEFORE.



IT'S TOTALLY BIZARRE, RIGHT?

THANK YOU.

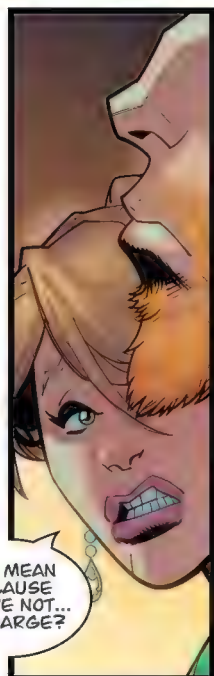
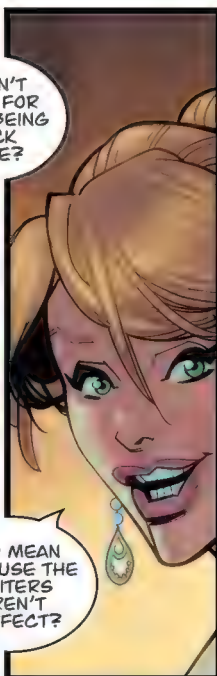
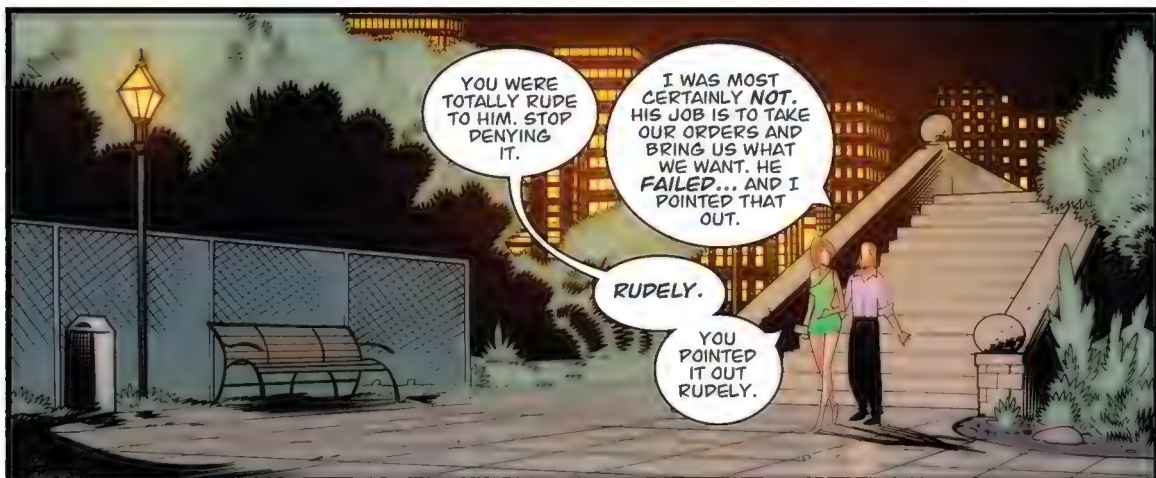


THIS ISN'T WHAT I ORDERED.

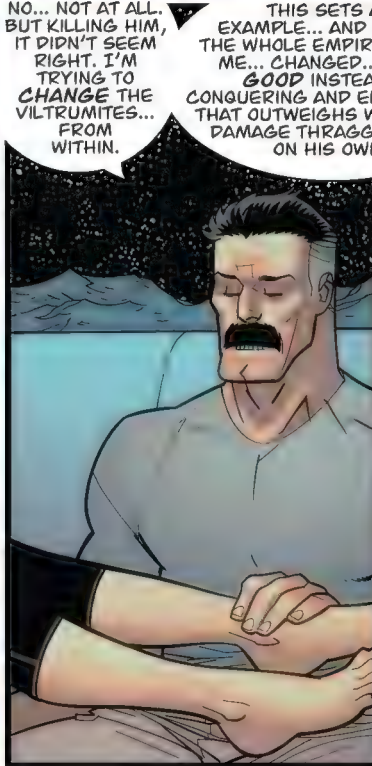
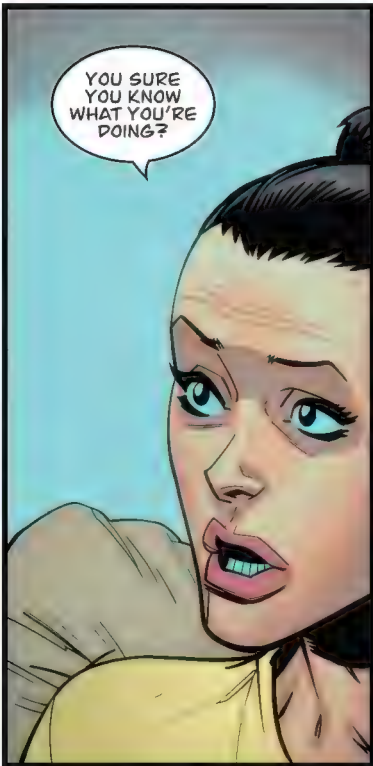
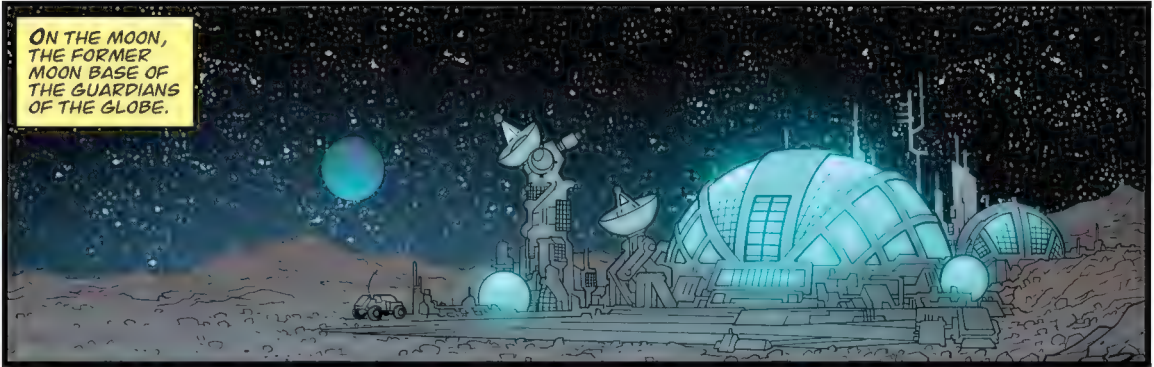
ARE YOU SURE?

ABSOLUTELY. DOES THIS LOOK LIKE SALMON TO YOU?

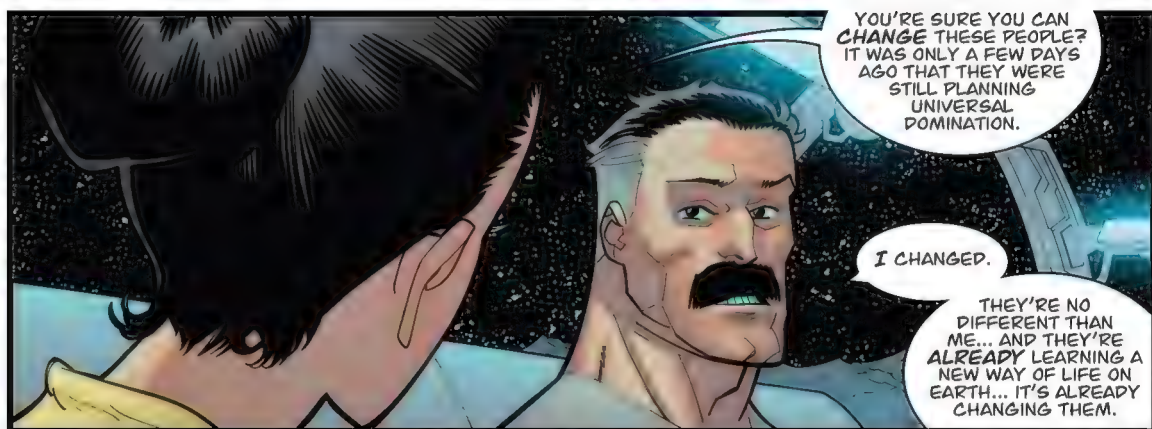








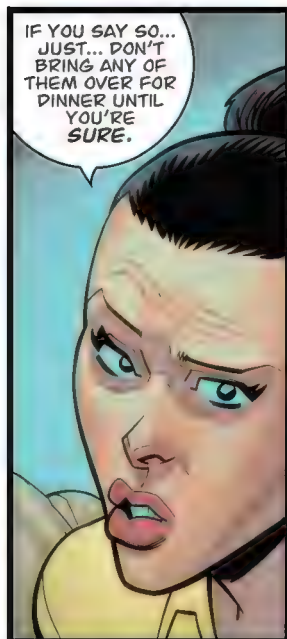




YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN CHANGE THESE PEOPLE? IT WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT THEY WERE STILL PLANNING UNIVERSAL DOMINATION.

I CHANGED.

THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN ME... AND THEY'RE ALREADY LEARNING A NEW WAY OF LIFE ON EARTH... IT'S ALREADY CHANGING THEM.



IF YOU SAY SO... JUST... DON'T BRING ANY OF THEM OVER FOR DINNER UNTIL YOU'RE SURE.

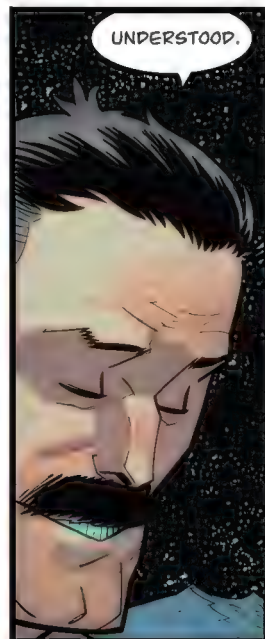


SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE STILL AGAINST MOVING INTO THE FLAGSHIP? THERE'S TONS OF ROOM... I COULD CONVERT A GATHERING HALL INTO A TENNIS COURT.

YOU USED TO LOVE TENNIS.



NOT THAT MUCH. NO, I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A VILTRUMITE DEATH SHIP... IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU.



UNDERSTOOD.



HEY, I'M A LITTLE COLD... WHERE'S THAT CAPE THINGY WITH THE FUR AT THE TOP? THAT'S THE BEST BLANKET IN THIS PLACE.

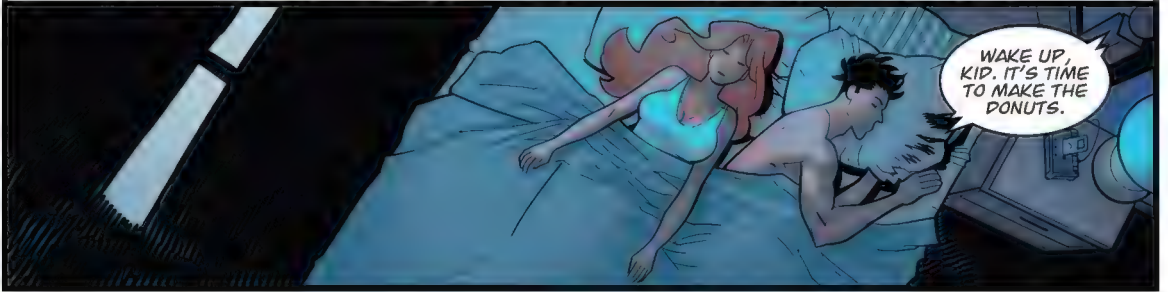
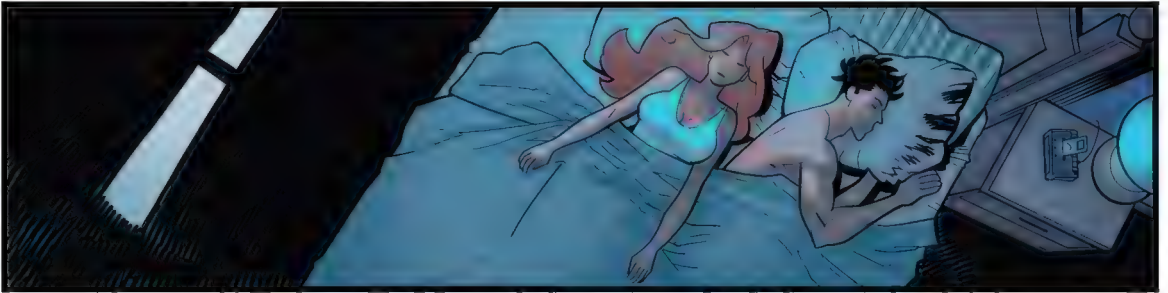
THAT'S A CEREMONIAL GARB THAT'S BEEN WORN BY THE RULERS OF THE EMPIRE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS... YOU'RE USING THAT AS A BLANKET?

IT IS VERY COZY...

I'LL GET IT.



THE GRAYSON HOME.



CECIL?  
UGH.

OH, HOW  
I'VE  
MISSED  
THIS...

YOU KNOW  
YOU LOVE ME.  
THIS IS GOING TO BE  
AN EASY ONE FOR  
YOU, BUT I NEED YOU  
TO STOP THIS GUY  
BEFORE HE REACHES A  
GDA STRONGHOLD HE  
DOESN'T EVEN KNOW  
IS THERE.



IT'S KIND OF  
IMPORTANT.

I'M  
ON IT.



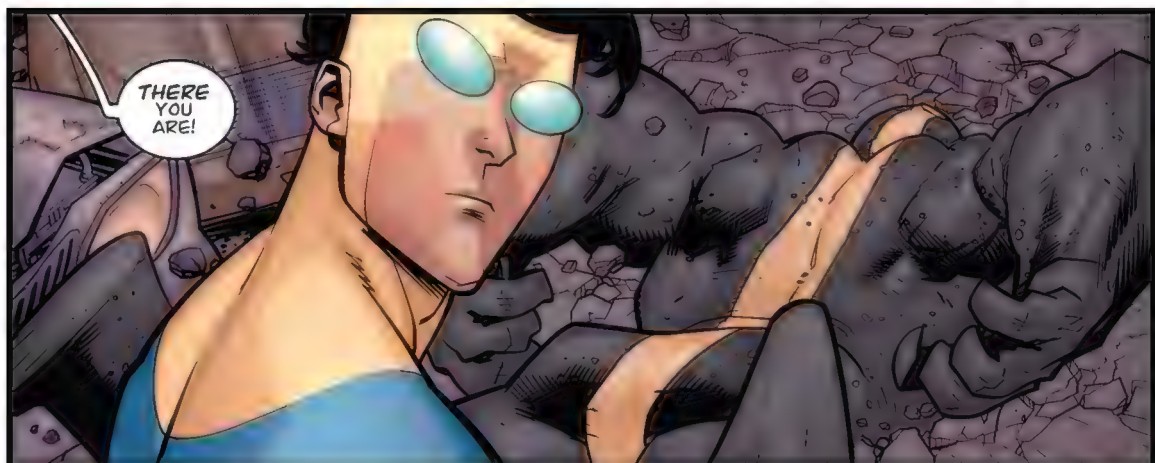


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RIGHT...

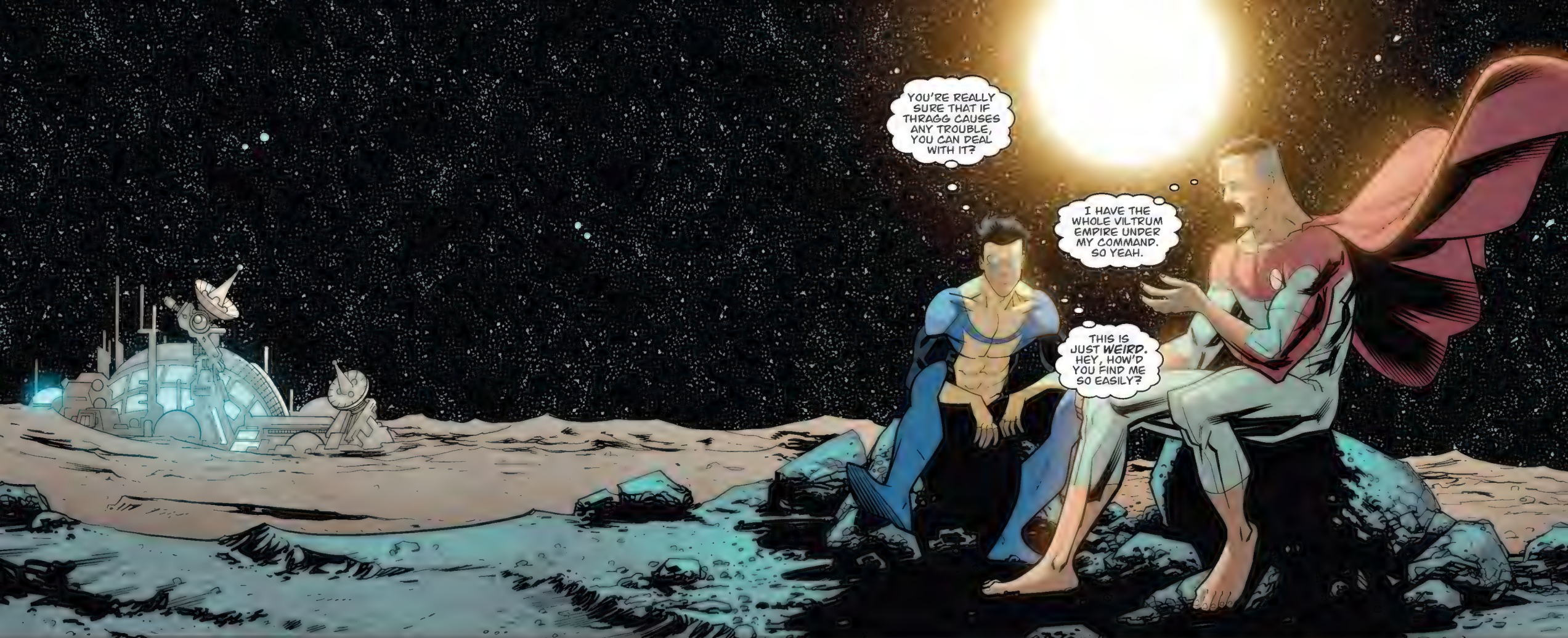
"EASY."

KROKK!









YOU'RE REALLY SURE THAT IF THRAGG CAUSES ANY TROUBLE, YOU CAN DEAL WITH IT?

I HAVE THE WHOLE VILTRUM EMPIRE UNDER MY COMMAND. SO YEAH.

THIS IS JUST WEIRD. HEY, HOW'D YOU FIND ME SO EASILY?



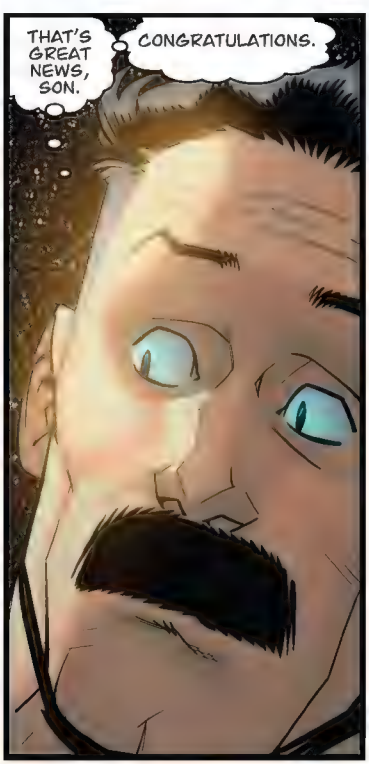
I HAVE TECHNOLOGY CECIL DOESN'T KNOW I HAVE. I CAN HEAR EVERYTHING HE SAYS TO YOU.

AND JUST TO BE SAFE... WE SHOULD ONLY DISCUSS VILTRUMITE MATTERS THIS WAY... SO HE CAN NEVER LISTEN IN.



UNDERSTOOD.

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU THIS... BUT EVE AND I ARE HAVING A BABY.



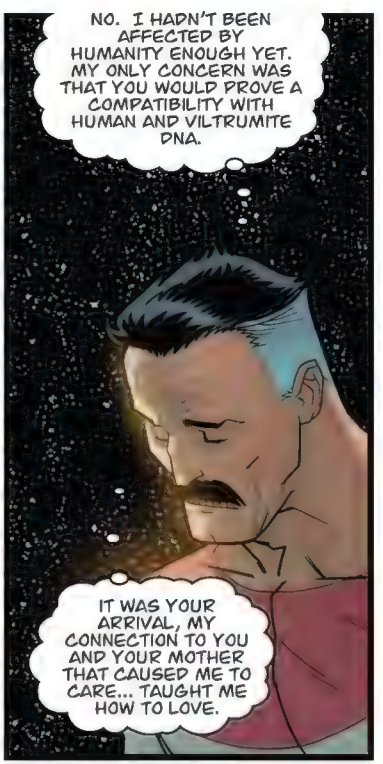
THAT'S GREAT NEWS, SON.

CONGRATULATIONS.



CAN YOU... HELP ME, I MEAN... NOT BE SO SCARED? I'M WORRIED I'M GOING TO SCREW IT UP... OR THAT I'LL GET THROWN INTO THE FUTURE AND MISS ITS CHILDHOOD OR SOMETHING.

WERE YOU SCARED WHEN MOM WAS PREGNANT?



NO. I HADN'T BEEN AFFECTED BY HUMANITY ENOUGH YET. MY ONLY CONCERN WAS THAT YOU WOULD PROVE A COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN AND VILTRUMITE DNA.

IT WAS YOUR ARRIVAL, MY CONNECTION TO YOU AND YOUR MOTHER THAT CAUSED ME TO CARE... TAUGHT ME HOW TO LOVE.



AND SINCE THEN?







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**HE DIDN'T KILL THRAGG?!** Man, can't wait to see how Nolan's benevolence/hubris cocktail goes down in the future. I once made the same mistake of not killing my archenemy while I had the chance and....well, choosing not to murder was probably the best thing I ever chose to do. And not have kids because I will apparently have to worry about them the rest of my selfish life. This issue sure has me reflecting on my life a lot...

*INVINCIBLE makes you think! I like it.*

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Robert,

Once again another issue where half the people who appear are not even called by name! In most series', say at the big two, you do use names, whether the characters have been around 50-70 years or not; it's kind of a given. Luckily, I remember the name Angstrom Levy!...at least I think that's the name for your Brainiac/ Mr. Terrific hybrid. Other characters like Eve's two college friends, I--I really don't remember. Generally Invincible #103 was a great read, as good as ever--even if nothing really happened.

**Can we make nothing really happen every month and still be successful? Doesn't that sound like a good plan?**

By the way, the whole "Angstrom Levy shooting 'Vince into another dimension full of other Invincibles"? I seem to recollect that happening before...like every time these two arch-enemies get together. Really it's quite repetitive. And if most of these guys' battles are gonna end that quickly, then, count me out. How did Angstrom get back to this dimension anyhow? At least the Invincible Universe crew guested! And speaking of words that rhyme with 'guested'--I will indeed by buying Ghosted, also from Skybound!! The first issue preview in Invincible #103? Didn't even look at it; I never really do read those things--why bother when you're going to be reading the whole enchilada later, anyway? But I am a fan of Mr. Joshua Williamson, from, of course, things like Voodoo. Now the concept may seem a bit like Hoax Hunters--in a way that Planetoid did to Prophet, maybe--but I know Image is no dummy. I think the only thing missing from Image proper is a successful relaunch for Youngblood! Maybe this is all a bit off-topic, but Youngblood: Not getting any Young-er, really, and it has never been anywhere near as Blood-y as Liefeld's X-Force. Meanwhile, back in Invincible word: How bout

some new villains??? Mauler and Angstrom Levy, you really think those names would fly at Marvel?

Ta-Rah!

Everyone's favorite letter-writer,

Andrew J. Shaw

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Hey guys,

First of all, I'm a new reader. I bought the omnibus edition less than two months ago, so I read it, finished the trade paperbacks and now I'm reading the issues. I devoured all of it. In my mind, Invincible is the best series going on right now.

But there's something bothering me. Why the frak is Cecil this huge asshole? I think you guys should do something to explain more about him (I know that you already did something like this, but it wasn't enough, at least for me).

Second, I think that Eve is a stooge. A really big one. Why can't she stand by herself and do what she feels right? Why is she always in Invincible's shadow? Us girls need someone to represent us right.

**We have completely different reads on Eve. Especially now that she's pregnant and the wellbeing of their child is her number one priority...meaning she can't go superheroing with Mark...maybe she's not as fun, but not a stooge. Stooges don't get their men to build cribs.**

Third and last, I need to know more about Robot. Until now I can't buy that he is a really good guy and all that (but I really like him!).

Ok, bye!

Graziela Azevedo

*You'll learn more about all these characters very soon. Lot's going on with Robot in particular. Cecil isn't so*



*much an asshole as he's just always dealing with really stressful situations.*

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hey Invincibles.

Just caught you red handed. Since you have ran out of story you are bringing back good old things. Levy and Mauler are back, Oliver is hinted. Alternate Invincibles will come too. thragg is tied poorly and bound to escape;-) . Alan can't miss the party and Dinosaur will come back too. Big party, am I invited? You better should or else I am good at crashing party.

**As much as I'd like him to return, Dinosaur is DEAD. Super Dinosaur on the other hand...definitely not dead.**

It is strange seeing eve play Mary Jane. Now that invincible is gone who will rescue her. and please. this time let him meet DC heroes. Wow superman vs Invincible would be awesome. Am I overflowing in imagination far too optimistic. whatever..... just don't disappoint me. I am sure you wont.

Eve is WAY cooler than Mary Jane ever was. She doesn't need some sort of SNL catch phrase to be memorable. Seriously, name one good Mary Jane story. I'll wait...

What power are you gonna give to baby mark or eve is gonna have miscarriage. A subtle suggestion of eve falling hints that.

just looking forward  
Dilip Modi

*I think the simple fact that I'm picking up subplots that were laid out years ago proves I've not run out of story. I'm finally getting around to things that have been planned for a very long time. There's quite a lot on the horizon for this book. Trust me.*

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Hey guys, first off lemme say that I am a 100% fan of Invincible and I'm loving the Invincible Universe so far as well. Anyways, I love that you guys always pull out a new surprise every now and then, #103 shocked me in the end. I mean you guys know how to bring a slice of life in this comic. Making it more realistic than any other superhero I know, I guess with the exception of Batman because he's Batman lol, anyhow I had a couple questions to ask for the following issues in the near future..

1. Will Battle Beast be making a comeback, I know he's not dead. He's too tough just to die by Thragg while hurling through space, it'd be awesome to see him duke it out with Invincible again.

Regardless of whose name is on the book, Battle Beast is our number one priority. But when he returns, it's got

to be a BIG deal, right?

2. Will you be showing more of Wolf-Man again? I just can't stop thinking about that cliffhanger Robert left with that Dracula scene, it would be awesome to bring that in to the series or even the Invincible Universe series.

**Wolf-Man will definitely be showing up in INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE #8 and 9. After that...**

Those are my questions, I'm grateful you guys took the time to read this, I'll be sure to send more if I have anything worth saying when it comes to PURE AWESOMENESS of Invincible and the Invincible Universe. Keep up the great work guys!

Your #1 fan,  
Joey "Lobo" Corral

*Thanks and will do!*

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Hey folks!

I enjoyed the opening sequence of issue 103, so much that I've enjoyed reading it multiple times! I laughed out loud more than once. There is a great ironic feel to the whole thing. Angstrom out for his morning jog. His stupid neighbor saying hi completely oblivious to who he is. The I-pod is a perfect touch. Do you think Angstrom might be listening to some Cold Play or something as he jogs? Or is he into classic rock? You see half Invincible's face on the newspaper, and you know the shit is about to hit the fan in Angstrom's life! "I've returned dears. Did you miss me?"

I love these awesome "normal" moments! Give me more!

The Invincible team rocks. I can't go a month without you folks!

Jacob Bigus  
Kansas City

**Angstrom Levy's iPod...hmmm...Hall & Oates' "Say No Go." Amiright?!**

*I think it's just multiple Vanilla Ice albums.*

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Next month, something happens that I've been waiting to see since I started working on this book. Let's just say, we've all been waiting for this.

-Sean Mackiewicz

*Don't spoil it!! See you next month, kids!*

-Robert Kirkman



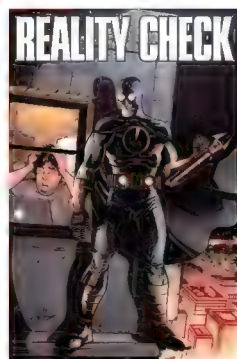
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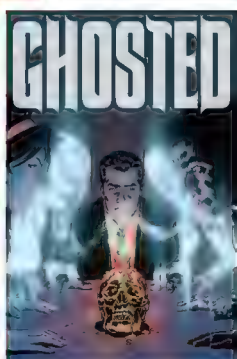
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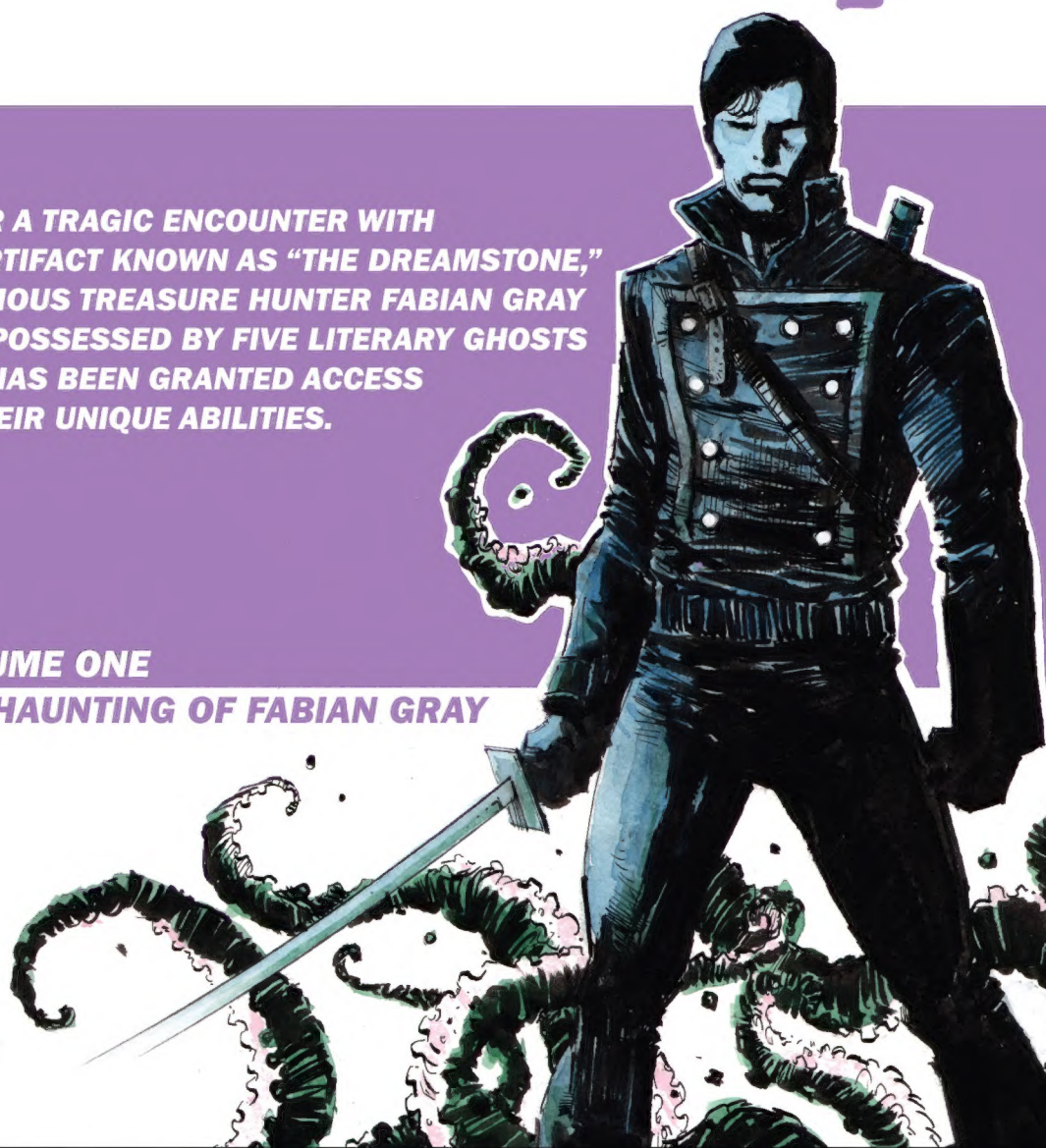


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